

KIRTLAND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 7, 2022 – Work Session

The work session meeting of Kirtland City Council commenced at 6:31 p.m. Council members present were: Ronald Fenstermaker, Scott Haymer, Richard Lowery, Jeffrey Ruple, Matthew Schulz, Joseph Smolic and Eric Ziegler.

Mayor Kevin Potter, Law Director Matthew Lallo, Finance Director Louis Slapnicker, City Engineer Douglas Courtney, Service Director Joseph Fornaro, Police Chief Brian McCallister, Fire Chief Anthony Hutton and Senior Center Coordinator Teresa Szary were also in attendance.

With regard to New Business on tonight's agenda, Mayor Potter advised that Resolution 22-R-53 relates to the bid of Pat Flowers for striping and pavement markings. Mayor Potter requested this be passed tonight; it was noted that a small part of the work – the school zone – was started a few weeks ago.

With regard to Resolution 22-R-54, Chief Hutton advised that the City received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for over \$40,000 for battery-powered extrication tools and high-lift rescue airbags. He noted that the City portion is minimal at \$2,000; and the Federal portion is \$41,000. Chief Hutton said these tools will replace the Department's old extrication tools and airbags that are 20 to 25 years old. The new equipment is battery powered, lighter and much more user-friendly; the batteries will be interchangeable. It will take up less space on the vehicles and is safer for the Department to use. Chief Hutton advised that the grant has to be accepted by September 25, but he would request that Council pass the legislation tonight to provide more time to get the documents submitted.

Answering Councilman Smolic, Chief Hutton advised that the Department's current equipment is gas operated; the generators and hydraulic pumps are large and bulky, and they take up a lot of cabinet space. The new equipment is much more powerful. Answering Councilman Fenstermaker, Chief Hutton advised that the old tools can be kept on a reserve engine for back-up. He noted that the old airbags can likely be used by the Service Department.

Referring to Resolution 22-R-55 relating to the change order for Barbicas, Council President Ruple noted it will reduce the contract cost, with a small increase in the inspection cost. Mr. Courtney advised this is a result of the value engineering that Barbicas submitted. He noted a few items are added, and a couple items are eliminated or reduced. The net change order is a savings of \$18,700; with some of the added work, there will be a couple extra inspection days. He noted this applies to Prelog, Shadowbrook and Loreto Ridge. Mr. Courtney requested that the legislation be passed tonight, because Barbicas plans to start work tomorrow. Answering Councilman Schulz, Mr. Courtney confirmed that the construction schedule is extended by two days because of the extra work component that was added.

Councilman Schulz inquired if there would be any benefit to the City by incorporating the pavement markings into the plan for street maintenance, rather than using a separate contractor. Mr. Fornaro advised that it was sent to three contractors, and Pat Flowers was the lowest bid; he noted in previous years it has worked in the City's favor to bid it separately.

With regard to Resolution 22-R-56, Mr. Lallo advised that the City is part of the ODOT purchasing program; last year Mr. Fornaro was given the authority to participate in that program and execute contracts. A question regarding the extent of that authority was raised by Mr. Slapnicker relating to audit purposes. As discussed earlier in the year, the extent would be the amount appropriated

as part of the road plan that was approved during the budgetary process. Mr. Lallo explained that the legislation further clarifies Mr. Fornaro's spending authority within that program. Mr. Fornaro noted this legislation does not need to be passed tonight.

Mr. Slapnicker addressed Resolution 22-R-57, noting that the tax budget was submitted in July, and the County is certifying the amount of property tax dollars the City will receive for 2023. The legislation is Council's acknowledgment of that certification. Mr. Slapnicker stated there are no significant changes in the property taxes that have been certified this year vs. last year. He noted that the two inside millage levies – the General Fund and the Police Pension Fund – have no dollar change. The outside millage – Fire Protection, Police Protection, Fire Emergency, and Senior Citizen/Recreation – has less than one percent increase. They do not change with market value; that percent increase is strictly from items such as new builds. Mr. Slapnicker advised that the legislation needs to be passed by the end of September, but passing it now would allow the City to submit it to the County sooner. He recommended that Council pass the legislation tonight.

Mayor Potter noted that the road program will kick off tomorrow on Prelog, followed by Loreto and Shadowbrook, and Locust will receive final paving.

Councilman Smolic inquired if there is any further information regarding the rabies concern. Mayor Potter advised that to his knowledge, the only issue was one bat at Chapin.

There was no further discussion, and the work session meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. upon the unanimous consent of Council.

President of Council

Clerk of Council